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The **US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** has awarded Pakistan's Federal Minister for Minorities, Shahbaz Bhatti, a first-of-a-kind medallion for fighting for the rights of minorities.

According to the Agence France-Presse (AFP), Shahbaz Bhatti visited Washington at the invitation of the USCIRF and was conferred with a medallion for championing the rights of Pakistani Minorities.

“The stand of the Pakistani government is to review, revisit and amend blasphemy laws so it will not remain a tool in the hands of extremists,” Mr Bhatti told commissioners from the bipartisan US government agency.